

法規名稱：ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE ON THE COOPERATION IN GENETIC IMPROVEMENT IN SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECT

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H. E. Charles Liu

Ambassador.

Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan),
20 North Park Street,
Belize City.

Dear Excellency,

Request for one-year extension of the Genetic Improvement of
Sheep and Goat Project

I take this opportunity to convey our warmest greetings and best wishes for your well-being.

I now write with regards to the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize signed on 2nd December 2015 for a three (3) year period. I wish to express our gratitude for the technical assistance and support that has been given to the Project on Genetic Improvement of Sheep and Goat at Central Farm Agriculture Station, Ministry of Agriculture. This Project has made significant impact with sheep and goat producers at the National Level, but due to implementation challenges, it has not realized its full potential.

Some of the main challenges that the Project underwent are: -

1. Logistical and bureaucratic obstacles delaying sheep breeding

- stock importation from Mexico;
- 2. Difficulty in sourcing certified sheep breeding stock in other neighboring countries except in the U.S.A.
- 3. Unavailability of Pelibuey breed from all neighboring countries.

The ICDF was kept abreast of the Project ' s challenges and the matter was discussed in detail during an ICDF delegation visit in September 2017. During this visit, the Delegation recommended that the Project be extended for one (1) additional year to complete the importation of breeding stock. Note that under the Project 29 Dorpers were to be purchased by the end of 2017 and 29 Barbados Black Belly (BBB) Sheep were also to be purchased during 2018. Currently the 29 Dorpers and 16 BBB have been acquired. Additionally, it has been agreed to pursue procurement of breeding stock in the USA rather than in Mexico. This posed another challenge as Pelibuey breed is not readily available in the USA therefore a decision was taken to acquire the Kathadin breed. It is projected that 29 Kathadin breeds will be acquired provided approval is granted for the one (1) year extension.

At its meeting of 24th January 2018, the Project Steering Committee (PSC) agreed to accept the ICDF ' s recommendation to pursue the request that the Project be extended for a one (1) year period effective 2nd December 2018. The PSC also agreed to request for approval of funds in the sum of US \$579,153 to cover expenses related to operations during the one-year period. The Government of Belize would contribute US\$89,926. If approved, the one-year extension period will facilitate: -

- 1. Strengthening of the certification and digitalization of the sheep breeding system;
- 2. Enhancing capacity building of the farmer ' s association;
- AND
- 3. Importing the Katahdin Breed to expand the breeding

Programme.

It is our hope that the requested one-year extension of the project will also enable the establishment and sustainability of quality breeding stock. This period will also allow Technicians, Extension Officers and Core Sheep and Goat Producers to acquire the knowledge and expertise to manage a sustainable Sheep and Goat Breeding Program. The Ministry envisions that with the improved genetics and good management the productivity and quality of small ruminants will increase, thus contributing to the competitiveness of the sheep industry both in local and regional markets.

It is in view of the above that the Ministry now approaches you requesting consideration of a one-year extension of the Sheep and Goat Project with effect from 2nd December 2018. The Ministry is also requesting your consideration and approval of an additional amount of US \$579,153 to cover expenses that will be incurred during the one-year extension period.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectfully,

Hon. Senator Godwin Hulse,
Minister of Agriculture

c: Station Manager, Central Farm

September 6th ,

The Hon. Godwin Hulse

Senator and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry,
the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration

Main Office

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Belmopan, Belize

Re: Request for one-year extension of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on the Cooperation in Genetic Improvement in Sheep and Goat Project and an additional fund of US\$579,153

Dear Senator Hulse:

Thank you for your letter dated May 31, 2018, regarding the request for a one-year extension and the amendment of the Agreement (hereinafter as “ the Agreement ”)between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize on the Cooperation in Genetic Improvement in Sheep and Goat Project (hereinafter as “ the Project ”)under Articles 13(2) and 13(3) thereof. Since the Project ’ s implementation on December 2, 2015, it has contributed to the launch of the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center at Central Farm, positively impacting sheep and goat producers nationwide.

As you have outlined, the Project has faced challenges in importing sheep breeding stock from Mexico and other neighboring countries. I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has agreed to the request of the Government of Belize for a one-year extension of the Agreement effective from December 2, 2018 (please refer to Article 13(1)), and also for the additional funds of US\$579,153 to cover expenses for related operations during the one-year extension of the Project (Articles 3 and 7). The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) acknowledges that the Government of Belize will contribute US\$89,926 to the Project (Articles 3 and 8), and agrees that the above-mentioned funds from both Governments will be used during one-year extension for the following purposes:

1. Strengthening the certification and digitalization of the sheep breeding system,
2. Enhancing the capacity-building of the farmer ' s association, and
3. Importing Katahdin sheep to expand the breeding program.

It is hoped that the extension and amendment of the Agreement will assist in the establishment and sustainability of quality breeding stock in Belize. We look forward to deepening cooperation with the Government of Belize to further develop the livestock industry and explore other areas of mutual interest in Belize.

In the meantime, please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Charles K. Y. Liu
Ambassador